RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 12th October, 1989/20th Asvina, 1911 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair

MEMBER SWORN

Kumari Alia (Uttar Pradesh)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Assessment Report (1987-88) on the Programme and its implementation for accelerating the spread and development of Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Sir, I lay on the table a Copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Assessment Report on the programme and its implementation for accelerating the spread and development of Hindi and its progressive use for the various official purposes of the Union for the year 1987-88. [Placed in Library. See No. LT —8345 189]

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Punjab): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Hundred and Sixty-sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Working of Land and Development Office.

MOTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LOK SABHA TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE ON THE SHIPPING AGENTS (LICENSING) BILL, 1987

SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR (Maharashtra): Sir, I move the following Motion:—

"That this House recommends to the Lok Sabha that the Lok Sabha appoint two members of the Lok Sabha to the Joint Committee of the Houses on the Shipping agents (Licensing) Bill, 1987, in the vacancies caused by the resignation from the membership of the Lok Sabha of Shri Satyendra Narain Sinha, a member of the said Joint Committee and resignation from the membership of the said Joint Committee of Shri P. Namgyal, and communicate to this House, the name of the Members so appointed by the Lok Sabha to the said Joint Commitee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

DEMAND FOR DISCUSSION ON BOFORS

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I make a request?

We in the Opposition and, I hope, Members on the Treasury Benches also will agree with me that sufficient time should be allotted by you to discuss the very vital issue of Bofors which has been engaging the attention of all us for quite some time. (*Interruptions*) Please decide it as early as possible and let us know when this matter can be taken up. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no discussion on it. I am going to consider it.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Sir, I wanted to bring to your kind notice....

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, you are the custodian of the House and not Mr. Buta Singh.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, what you said yesterday on the floor of the House... (*Interruptions*)

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now that matter is closed.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL (Uttar Pradesh): I have a point of order on the same matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chairman has given his ruling. The mat-

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ter is over. Please take your seat. I will be obliged. Mr. Chairman said that is not a motion which is being discussed in the House. So, there is no point of order. He will consider the mater. Afterwards if there is a motion or if there is anything, you can raise a point of order. But not now.

Mr. Sukh Ram.

WAREHOUSING CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): Madam, I beg to move:

"That the following amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Warehousing Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 1988, be taken into consideration namely:—

Enacting Formula

1. That at page 1, line 1,—

for "Thirty-ninth" substitute "fortieth"

Clause 1

2. That at page 1, line 4, —

for "1988" substitute '1989"

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI SUKH RAM: I beg to move:

"That the amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Bill be agreed to"

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

RESOLUTION RE. CONTINUANCE OF PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION UNDER ARTICLE 356 IN RELATION TO KARNATAKA

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now Shri Buta Singh to move the Resolution regarding continuance in force of the Proclamation issued by the President on the 21st April, 1989, under article 356 of the Constitution, in relation to the State of Karnataka, for a further period of six months with effect from the 21st October, 1989.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move the following Resolution:

"That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issued by the President on the 21st April, 1989, under article 356 of the Constitution, in relation to the State of Karnataka for a further period of six months with effect from the 21st October, 1989."

As the House is aware, in view of the then prevailing situation in Karnataka, the proclamation under article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Karnataka was issued on 21st April, 1989, on the recommendation of the Governor and the State Legislative Assembly dissolved. The Proclamation issued by the President was approved by Lok Sabha as well as Rajya Sabha on 26th April, 1989. The Proclamation so appoved will now cease to operate from the 20th October, 1989, at the expiration of a period of six months. The Governor of Karnataka, in his recent letter addressed to the President, has stated that he has considered whether it would be possible and desirable to hold elections to the Legislative Assemly before the expiration of the present term of the President's rule in the State. Governor is of the view that in the interest of electing a stable Government in the State, the option of dovetailing elections to the Legislative Assembly and the elections to the Parliament should be kept open to the Election Commission and the Union Government. The Governor has, accordingly, recommended President's Rule in Karnataka for a period of four months beyond 20th October, 1989 so that all options are available in the mater of holding elections. The Governor is of the view that during the